



Hawk's Eye View

Chaparral Elementary School * PTA * CEF Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Dear Chaparral Families,

Chaparral's National Blue Ribbon report describes our learning community as a "rare and unique place". Never before has this truth been more evident to me than immediately following the fires that recently ravaged our peaceful neighborhood. Almost every child and adult was evacuated before dawn on the fateful morning the flames engulfed the canyons around our school. Many had to leave without warning and had no time to gather precious photos, favorite toys, and memorable heirlooms. Forty Chaparral families and four staff members have lost their homes completely and many more of our neighbors will be displaced from the "comforts of home" through the holiday season. Instead of allowing this horrific event to take our school and community off course, we have pulled together in wondrous ways for our kids! Motivated by the remarkable gift that not one life or pet was lost, we continue to work together to foster in each child a passion to learn! On behalf of our outstanding staff, precious students, and generous community volunteers, I would like to wish our entire Chaparral family a safe and joyous Holiday Season.

In friendship,
Holly Brommer

Upcoming Events

- Community Gathering Dec. 19
- Winter Break Dec. 24 - Jan. 4
- Kids Korps Activity Jan. 16
- PTA Association Meeting Jan. 18
- Martin Luther King Day Jan. 21
- Community Gathering Jan. 30
- Kids Korps Eco Day Jan. 30

FYI: Minimum Days!

- **Friday, December 21st** - (Friday before Winter break);
- **Friday, April 4th**, (Friday before Spring break/day after Open House);
- **Thursday, June 12th**, (last day of school).

All three Minimum days, K-5th Grade will **DISMISS at 12:20 p.m.**

Enjoy this extra time with your children!!!

Special Thanks

Special Thanks to Ms. James and her class for their tremendous response to Chaparral's Adopt-a-Family Giving Tree of family donations for the winter holidays. Their 5th grade class has already collected approximately \$400.00 for gifts and Ms. James has pledged to match the student donations.

We Appreciate You!

With great appreciation we thank the following parent representatives who shared input with Chaparral's California Distinguished School Site Planning Committee meeting. We enjoyed your insight and help with this important document.

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| * Karen Wood | * Jennifer Boaz | * Selina Diaz |
| * Mona Ross | * Vicky Unnasch | * Monique Hultner |
| * Gloria Ruuspakka | | |

A Message From Your PTA President

Dear Chaparral Families & Staff,

First of all, I'd like to thank all of you for your wonderful support & prayers during these last few weeks. It is truly amazing to see how quickly and thoroughly our community has pulled together to show how much they care about the families that were affected by the October fires. You are a truly amazing group of people and I am proud to live in your neighborhood! I look forward to rebuilding my home and living around all of you once again.

It was fun to see the children shop during the Gingerbread Shop last week. They had a great time shopping for their parents, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles and all their special friends. Thank you to all the volunteers who made this a special time for the children at Chaparral.

PTA has many neat activities planned for you in 2008. We will have several family fun nights happening, including an astronomy night, a mobile aquarium night, a February dance and much more. We are also planning to reschedule the Jog-a-thon for sometime in February, so start warming up those running shoes! Be sure to check future newsletters for the times and dates of these events.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

Warmly,
Samantha Worden

Information For 5th Grade Families Going to BHMS

Wednesday, March 26, 2007, 6:30–8:00: All incoming families are invited to the BHMS Family Orientation Night. There will be an orientation in the Gym with break-outs for the kids and specialized meetings for the parents of GATE, ELL, and Special Education students. This is an opportunity for the students and their families to get an overview of the school and all programs offered.

Wednesday, May 14, 2007, 6:00–7:00: Ice Cream Social and Tour of School Facilities. All incoming families are invited to come and join us for an informal gathering to socialize and better acquaint themselves with the school.

Are Your Contact Numbers Updated?

During the recent wildfires, Poway Unified used its emergency telephone and email listings to rapidly contact more than 25,000 parents. The Connect-Ed communications system that the district uses can process up to seven contacts during emergencies. These contacts often include home and work phone numbers, cell phone numbers and email addresses. If you provided your schools with the most recent communication information, you should have received multiple calls from the school district.

If your contacts are not updated, please update the information at your school site. Thank you.

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Kids Korps

San Diego Blood Bank Blood Drive

Chaparral's PTA is hosting a blood and bone marrow testing drive on Wednesday January 9th from 7:30 AM - 12:30 PM in the front parking lot. You have the option to donate blood and/or get your mouth swabbed to determine your compatibility as a possible bone marrow donor and possibly being added to the National Bone Marrow Register. You can make a difference in the life of a friend or perfect stranger. Please sign up to donate and be tested. Appointments are required and can be made by contacting Sue Sullivan at 676-0888 or suewt@san.rr.com. Donors should eat foods rich in iron the night before, drink plenty of fluids the day of (avoid caffeine if possible) and bring a photo id.

Remember, the difference in life is YOU!

News from Student Services

Room 46 is hopping with activity!

- We have nine PIP (Primary Interaction Program) groups meeting.
- All 2nd graders are enjoying "Building Bridges" lessons in their classrooms.
- The new 4th and 5th grade club CHAPS (Chaparral Hawks are Prepared for Success) is off to a great start. Approximately 20 students are in the process of creating a new school newspaper which is sure to be entertaining. Look for the first issue on December 18th!
- We also have new Ambassadors in training, so when new students or visitors come to Chaparral they will have their own personal tour guide.
- The hall and gate monitoring component is in development and should be in place soon thanks to Mrs. V.
- We're looking forward to January: our Buddy Up program begins (4th & 5th paired with Pre-school or Kindergartener's.).
- Lunch Bunch meetings continue to take place for the children who were displaced by the fires (1st Grade on Monday, 2nd on Wednesday and 3rd on Tuesdays). 4th and 5th Graders have Breakfast Bunch on Wednesday mornings.
- Nine lucky students have been paired with nine wonderful adults in our Academic Mentoring Program. We're still always looking for interested adults and children who may benefit from an extra half hour or so of personal attention each week. We've also become an unofficial distribution center for the wonderful donations we've received for our fire loss students. We are so appreciative for the backpacks and school supplies from the PTA and PUSD, stuffed animals donated by La Jolla Country Day School and parent Tracee Ross, the flannel blankets from the students at Tierra Bonita Elementary, books from Scholastic and The Center for Play Therapy and the lovely quilts sewn by the ladies of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. If you have lost your home to the fires and your child hasn't received these items and would like to, please have them come by the Student Services room.

Finally, we are still happily accepting donations of craft supplies, snacks and small bingo prizes (fast food kid meal toys, etc...). At least 30 students per day visit Room 46 and the supplies go quickly! *For questions, please contact Ronda Hatton, Student Services Coordinator at 858-485-0042 Ext. 4146 or rhatton@powayusd.com.*

A HUGE "Thank you!" to Borrelli's and the Schulze family for donating all the wonderful food for the Chaparral Family Dinner Night, benefiting families affected by the fires, and for the AMAZING turn out of families. It was a tremendous success!

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POWAY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Parent Education Program
Ready to Learn



Kindergarten Readiness



A program for students entering kindergarten Fall 2008!

Two-Session Parent-Child Workshop

This 2-session parent-child interactive workshop is for parents and their soon-to-be kindergartener (Fall 2008). The sessions focus on activities parents can do throughout the year to get their child ready for school success in Poway Unified School District's kindergarten programs. Ample time for demonstration is provided as well as time for parents to ask questions about their child's school readiness. The soon-to-be kindergartener will start out in the childcare room but will join their parent for fun-filled "practice" during the second half of each session. Can't come to a workshop? Curriculum binders are available for \$10.00 (plus \$5 shipping cost if mailed). Call the office to request one.

Class duration: 2 hours (one class per week)

Cost: \$40 per family (two-session workshop)

SRKR151	WED	6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	2/5, 2/12
SCKR151	THURS	6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	3/20, 3/27

Child Care offered: For the pre-kindergartener, childcare is included in the price of this class. For siblings, childcare is available, \$10 per week per child

Stone Ranch Elementary School
Shoal Creek Elementary School

Program Focus:

Social emotional
readiness

Reading/language
readiness

Writing/fine motor skills



Single-Session Workshop for Parents Only

Just can't make two nights? This one-session workshop for parents only will present an overview of materials presented in the two-session workshops.

Class duration: 2 hours
Cost: \$20 per family

LPKR151	THURS	6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	1/31
VYKR151	THURS	6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	2/28
MCKR151	TUES	6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	3/25

Child Care offered: Yes, \$10.00 per child

Los Peñasquitos Elementary School
Valley Elementary School (Spanish)
Morning Creek Elementary School

Space is limited!
Register Today!

Ready to Learn Kindergarten Readiness Classes offered by PUSD Community Partners

Penasquitos Christian Preschool (call 858-672-9353 to register)
Two session workshop THURS 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. 3/6, 3/13
Workshop cost: \$40

Single session workshop THURS 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. 3/27 (for parents only)
Workshop cost: \$25

Rancho Bernardo Community Presbyterian Church Preschool (call 858-487-0824 to register)
Two session workshop THURS 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. 1/17, 1/24
TUES 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. 3/11, 3/18
Workshop cost: \$40, childcare available for \$20

Questions?

Call the
Parent Education
Program/Ready to
Learn Office
(858) 748-0556



Thanks to All Volunteers!

Recently, the amount of support from our parents has been astounding! We are grateful for each of you and for your involvement in any of the following events: Holiday Shop; Adopt-a-Family; Gift Wrap; Family Portrait Fund-raiser; Melody Makers; Band and Orchestra Concert; Community Gathering; Kids Korps; Box Tops; Yearbook; Art Corps; PTA; Room Parent/Volunteer; Field Trip Drivers . . . and the list goes on and on! (By the way, don't forget to log in your volunteer hours in the Office . . . our school gets credit for every volunteer minute!)

There are plenty of volunteer opportunities ahead as well . . . We hope you'll join in the fun!

Our children are significantly enriched by everything you do in support of Chaparral!